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BRITAIN'S BUDGET Pleasant Surprises Expected Based On Grant Of U.S. Loan

LONDON, APRIL 7. WRITTEN ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SHE WILL BE GRANTED THE \$3,750,000,000 UNITED STATES LOAN.

A GOVERNMENT SOURCE SAID "WE HAVE WORKED ON THE ASSUMPTION IT WILL GO THROUGH. IF IT DOES NOT WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A NEW BUDGET."

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, presents the estimate of government earnings and expenditures for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1946, to the House of Commons next Tuesday. There will be some pleasant surprises for a nation struggling to recover from six years of war. Balancing of Britain's overseas account by the middle of 1947 is regarded as a definite possibility because the drive to increase exports has been more successful than some of its strongest proponents hoped.

If the U. S. Congress refuses to ratify the loan, Britain will have to reduce her imports with resultant shortages and dislocations and borrow Sterling from her banks.

Bright Spot

A bright spot is the possibility that balancing of trade accounts by the middle of next year and making current earnings of other Sterling countries freely convertible into dollars, the latter a condition of the proposed loan agreement, will restore full confidence in the pound. The official view is that, with full confidence in Sterling restored, overseas creditors will not want to convert their accounts to dollars as they would like to do now.

Latest available estimates of the United Kingdom's external liabilities show them totalling £3,255,000,000, including £2,723,

Aircraft's Most Deadly Weapon

Delaware, April 7. The War Department has removed the veil of secrecy from around "Tiny Tim," the powerful rocket which an Army spokesman said is "By far the deadliest thing ever fired from an aeroplane."

Colonel Donald Diehl, commanding officer of the army air base unit at Dover army air field, said that the rocket can sink almost anything that floats. It has driven holes all the way through a light cruiser from side to side. It goes through destroyer as if it were a piece of paper.

The new weapon, which can be fired from any type of American fighter plane or medium bomber, is described as a "huge rocket of 11½ inches in diameter, and 12 feet long.

Several Tiny Tims were used against Japanese shipping in reinforced pillboxes before the end of the war and it was found that few targets could withstand a direct hit from the rocket which travelled at a speed of over 1,500 miles an hour." Diehl emphasized that the California Institute of Technology provided much help in developing "Tiny Tim." Diehl also said: "It is probable that in the future, Tiny Tim may be devised to carry atomic power." The Colonel said that a bomb can penetrate only so far where as "Tiny Tim" rocket will rip through any object at which it is fired. Associated Press.

TRIESTE COMMISSION

Rome, April 7. The International Boundary Commission, which has now completed its work in Venezia Giulia announced today that its members were leaving immediately for London, where they will prepare their final report for presentation to the deputy foreign ministers of the Allied powers. Reuter.

Skeleton

A skeleton, believed to be that of a British soldier who fell during the Japanese attack on Hong Kong in 1941, was found in Cumphor Wood, Laichikok, late yesterday afternoon by Mr. G. J. White, of the Gloucester Hotel.

The R.A.F. Police party that went out was unable to find the skeleton before darkness fell, and will go again this morning.

With the skeleton, Mr. White reported, was a soldier's belt and an Army-pattern water bottle.

Second Paris Kidnapping

Paris, April 7. Paris police were tonight investigating the daylight kidnapping — the second in a month — of an unidentified man, aged about 21.

The man was surrounded yesterday in the Rue Jan Jaures, in the northern suburb of Romain Ville, by two men in khaki and three women, who stopped out of a black car.

A revolver shot was heard and the man was bundled into the car, which drove off at a very fast pace.

A month ago, a Russian, Theodore Kolossev, born in Moscow in 1922, was reported to have been bundled into a car by three men in the Rue Erlander-Kolossev, who had escaped from a camp for Soviet citizens due for repatriation, has not been heard of since. Reuter.

Tax Cuts?

London, April 7. There are hopes in some quarters that there will be further income tax concessions. Trades Unions have expressed emphatically their view that heavy rates of income tax on overtime earnings does not help the production drive. The "champions" of the harassed British housewife look for some relief by a cut in purchase tax, but it is generally realized that Britain's finances are still on a war footing. The Chancellor stated that nobody expects very much.

The former Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, who leads the Conservative opposition in the absence of Mr. Winston Churchill, will be the leading Conservative spokesman in the debates on Wednesday and Thursday on the budget resolutions.

Informed Conservative quarters

say that Mr. Churchill has not yet decided whether he will intervene. It is felt that should political issues arise, the former Prime Minister may find the temptation to take part irresistible.

On Friday, the United Nations Bill, which enables the legislation to allow Britain to act in accordance with the decisions of the U.N.O., will be up for discussion, but it is not likely to provoke a debate.

The budget is only one section of an enormous mass of domestic legislation confronting the House of Commons. Reuter.

British Intelligence Uncovers Nazi Swindle

With B.A.O.R., April 7. Special Investigation Officers in the British zone in Germany have discovered evidence of two colossal financial swindles carried out by Germany in Occupied Europe during the war.

Inquiry into the affairs of Otto Wolff, one of the biggest steel making concerns in Germany, disclosed that before the war, Germany paid for gold abroad in blocked marks, which, after the fall of France were brought back from the French by French firms were unable to realize their blocked credits and were induced to part with 160,000,000 marks in exchange for occupation francs worth 53,000,000 marks.

As occupation francs cost Germany only the paper they were printed on, the deal amounted, therefore, to the wiping out of credits without cost.

The second swindle was even more blatant.

Seeking foreign exchange to buy war materials in neutral countries, the Nazis gave Wolff the job of securing quantities of currencies of occupied countries paying back with occupation currency, which cost the Germans nothing.

The currency thus obtained

Senator's Attack On Britain

Washington, April 7.

Senator Myers, Pennsylvania Democrat, asserts that Britain violated the treaty with the United States by granting independence to Trans-Jordan, formerly part of the Palestine mandate.

The British action violates the United Nations charter, he said and called upon the State Department to explain the lack of protest; he suggested that the Senate investigate.

Myers said that Britain had no right to change the terms of the League of Nations mandate under which Palestine and the Trans-Jordan territory was administered. Under the Anglo-American agreement of 1922 Britain was required to obtain American permission before taking any such action. Myers contended.

He said that taxes on the Jews in Palestine have been used of support the administration of Emir Abdullah, with whom the British signed the treaty which permitted English troops to remain in Trans-Jordan. Associated Press.

Blueprint For Peace

Portland, Ore., Apr. 7. Delegates representing 33,000 north-western American college students today voted unanimously for a world federation having authority over the existing sovereign nations. They also set up a committee that may be the nucleus of an international college movement for their "blueprint for peace."

Youths, including many war veterans, urged the United Nations to consider declining armaments and less military training with a view to the eventual abolition of both. A delegate said that U.N.O. should set up a definite time-table toward creating a sovereign world federation. Associated Press.

Bartender Shot

London, April 7.

The London Police today held a beside vigil in St. George's Hotel on Queen's Road, 20-year-old bartender of Elberry Lodge Hotel, Victoria, who was seriously wounded in a shooting incident in the hotel last night.

Two Poles living at the hotel were also wounded. The shooting occurred in the basement of the hotel.

A fourth person, believed to be involved, has disappeared.

London's detectives today are searching for a 30-year-old six foot tall Pole, who may be able to give information. The condition of the three wounded men is serious. Reuter.

Spain Will Be U.N.O.'s Next Headache

New York, April 7.

The Spanish issue, raised unexpectedly by Poland yesterday, seemed likely to be the next problem to plague the United Nations Security Council just when the Council hoped for a quiet period to put its rules in order.

The Polish Embassy in London announced that the Warsaw Government had instructed the Polish delegate to the Security Council, Lange, to lay before the Council the Polish view that the United Nations should break off diplomatic relations with the Franco Government.

The Embassy announcement said: "The decision of the Polish government was taken in view of the fact that the present regime in Spain is endangering international peace and that peace is indivisible."

Poland itself has already decided to recognise the Spanish group and committee meetings but allowed to voice themselves at plenary sessions.

It was decided that the Argentine should be excluded from the group and committee meetings but allowed to voice themselves at plenary sessions.

All the Argentine representatives have been most violently attacked by spokesmen of the Latin American Federation of Labour.

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Sister Kenny Has A Kick

Brisbane, April 7. Sister Elizabeth Kenny, the Queensland nurse who originated a method of treating infantile paralysis, arrived here today and demanding that the government closes clinics in Queensland bearing her name where, she claims, there has been a misrepresentation of her treatment.

Sister Kenny said the method had been successful in America, Britain, Russia and Sweden, but that the treatment was still unknown in Australia.

"It is only a force to have my name on the institutes here which are not carrying out my work," she said. Reuter.

British Eye On Youth Groups In Germany

H.Q., B.A.O.R., April 7. Officers of the British Military Government are keeping a close watch on German youth movements which are springing up in various parts of the British zones of Germany.

Remembering the birth and development of the Hitler Jugend, (youth organisation), whose widespread revisionist plot was smashed in the American zone last week, the British authorities are wondering what is behind the spate of youth clubs in their zone.

Young and old posters have appeared on the walls in Ruhr towns, Westphalia and the British zone of Berlin, urging youth to join the "Freie Deutsche Jugendbewegung" (Free German Youth Movement), which has the four point slogan, "Unity, Work, Construction and Peace."

The movement has been sanctioned by the Military Government with the proviso that it is non-political.

In the Herford district alone 40 clubs, excluding sports organizations, with memberships of between 20 and 1,000, have already been established. Military Government officials are concerned over the fact that although the movement is not al-

POLITICAL TRUCE ENDS IN IRAN

Tehran, April 7.

Publication in Teheran of the Soviet-Iranian Pact which appears to have put an end to the U.N.O.'s first big crisis has ended the political party truce which has prevailed for nearly a month.

Right-wing circles, alleging that "Russia got what she wanted" criticise the agreement along three main lines:

1. Without asserting that there had been direct pressure from Russia, Right-wingers say that the 1,000-mile frontier between the two countries and the presence of Russian troops in the country constituted a form of indirect pressure without which the agreement would never have been signed.

2. They point to the Iranian law forbidding even discussion of oil concessions during the period of occupation and maintain that the agreement would never have been reached if oil concessions had not been discussed.

3. They criticise the fact that Azerbaijan, which is an Iranian internal affair, has been brought into the agreement at all.

Right-wing circles say that however democratic the election which will follow the departure of the Russian troops, they are sure to return solid Left-wing blocs from the North.

They claim that the arrest of Mohsen Tehrani, brother of Said Zia Od-Din, has been made on charges of subversive activities and his brother was charged yesterday with complicity.

Attack on Britain

A British Embassy spokesman in Teheran stated today that no official notification of the Iranian Soviet agreement has yet been received.

The British Embassy in Teheran is pictured as a sinister centre of secret intrigue in the Left-wing newspapers here. The papers say that a network of underground passages led from the British Embassy in Teheran to various places and through them local traitors contacted British officials and got their instructions.

"How mysterious and unchanging are the silent premises of the British Embassy," a paper states. "It is as if a thousand watchful eyes behind windows were fixing a jealous gaze on everything to safeguard the sacred interests of the Commonwealth."

Britain has still not received any official report of the Soviet-Iranian Pact. Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent confirmed in London.

Until it arrives, he says, no opinion on it is likely to be expressed in British official quarters and no decision is likely to be taken on whether Britain should continue to press for answer to the note to Moscow of March 2 for an explanation of the Russian failure to withdraw her troops from Persia under the terms of the tripartite treaty of 1942. Reuter.

Franco On The Destiny Of Spain

Madrid, April 7.

General Franco stated that the task in Spain had only just begun when today he received 80,000 signatures of former combatants in the Spanish war presented as a token of their adhesion.

Franco said his regime, if it failed to remove the causes which had created a state of decadence in Spain's ruling classes, could be described as cowardly and lazy.

"The meaning of the attacks on our regime from Communists and Masonic press and radio is that we have made good," he declared. "It means that we are not dead and our flag is flying high. We need to complete our work and change the face of Spain completely. We must import the materialist philosophy which was imported from foreign lands."

"The soldiers of our crusade must remain vigilant and we must watch in order to make sure that the historic destiny of Spain is not interfered with." Reuter.

LONDON'S STATUES GOING BACK

London, April 7.

London's evacuated statues are now returning to their former sites. King Charles I, back again from the Earl of Rosebery's estate at Repton, Leighton Buzzard, and is being required before going back to Trafalgar Square.

King George III is being cleaned before being returned to his old home at the corner of Pall Mall East and Cockspur Street.

Soon Lord Wolseley will return to his old site in Horse Guards Parade, and King William III will stand in St. James' Square. Reuter.

THE WEATHER

Today's forecast—Fine, fresh, easterly wind.

Yesterday's temperatures etc.

Maximum—78.2 deg. at 1 p.m.

Minimum—38.6 deg. at 8 a.m.

Sunrise—4 hours.

Rain—A trace.

Max. Humidity—88 per cent. at 8 a.m.

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China Needs Political Interpreter Today

Pan-American And Hong Kong Air Service

San Francisco, April 7.

Harold Bixby, vice-president of Pan-American Airways, said today that no date has been set for the reopening of the service to Hong Kong via Honolulu, Wake, Guam and Manila.

With the resumption of this service, Pan-American will extend a new line to Singapore. The company also has plans pending for a new Northern route to the Orient — via Seattle, Adak, Tokyo, Shanghai and Manila, but so far permission has not been received from the U.S. Civil Aeronautical Board.

Pan-American World Airways announced today in Seattle that it had staffed all its stations along the Great Circle flight route to the Orient and soon as surveys are completed "U.N.R.R.A." passengers will be carried directly from Seattle on special chartered flights.

Associated Press.

TWO HURT IN STREET FIGHT

Two Chinese were critically injured in a fight involving some six or seven persons about 5 o'clock last night in Des Voeux Road Central, near the New World Theatre.

Admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital were Cheng Kwoon, 18, who received a wound from a chopper, and Chan Hung, 14, stabbed in the chest with a dagger.

Another Chinese, Tam Chiam, was the victim of a chopper attack after being called down by two men at 14 Chur Shing Street, West Point. Tam ran toward Hillwood Road near the Whitty Street Tram Station.

A police constable, seeing him bleeding profusely, stopped him, whereupon he collapsed. He was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The Police are investigating the two incidents, which may be connected.

CHARITY FOOTBALL RESULTS

A letter has been received from the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Football League regarding the Charity Football games played at the end of last month.

The letter reads as follows:

"Sir—In connection with the two Charity Football matches played on March 30 and 31, 1946 the gross receipts came to \$18,685.00 make up as follows:

Gate receipts \$16,602

Football raffle 276

Donations from Government and Local Friends Deck for Homeless and Kowloon less

\$110 for souvenirs for players

Additional donation by above

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\$19,685

"The above sum of \$18,685.00 has been charged as to \$0,342.50 to the Commander-in-Chief's funds for Distress in the Colony and as to \$0,342.50 to the Relief of Families and Distress in China (to be remitted through the 'Wai' Kiu Yat Po)."

"The thanks are due to the 'South China Morning Post' for advertisement, The China Mail for printing placards and the Standard Printing Press, Ltd. for printing admission and race tickets, free of charge. The thanks are also due to the local development: the Chau Ki Co., of 816, Lockhart Road for supplying tables and chairs at half price; the Scouts and other workers for voluntary assistance."

SING TAO CLUB MEETING

With the return of most of its members from Free China and elsewhere, Sing Tao Sports Club are holding a general meeting on Wednesday to discuss the future activities of the Club.

It will be recalled that Sing Tao figured prominently in football, basket ball and swimming circles before the war.

Owing to the absence to marry of its players, Sing Tao did not participate in the football League and several of its players including Hau Yung-chang, Fung King-cheong, Lai Shui-wing and Chui Shui-ming assisted Eastera in the League.

Sing Tao are entering two teams in the football League next session.

CHUNGKING, APRIL 7.
CHINA'S GREATEST NEED TODAY IS AN ABLE POLITICAL INTERPRETER TO DECIDE THE ACTUAL MEANING OF VARIOUS AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY INTERNAL FACTORS TO END THE CIVIL WAR AND TO CREATE A UNIFIED CHINA.

DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, WHEN PACTS TO END THE CIVIL HOSTILITIES, RESTORE COMMUNICATIONS, REORGANIZE THE GOVERNMENT AND DEMOBILIZE THE ARMY, WERE SIGNED, THEIR INTENTS AND MEANINGS APPEARED TO BE CLEAR TO EVERYONE.

EXPLOSION NEAR GLASGOW

Glasgow, Apr. 7.
Widespread devastation was caused over 60 square miles just north of Glasgow by a series of explosions at an ammunition dump on a desolate moor at Hill of Row, between Dumbarton and the Bridge of Allan, Western Perthshire, last night.

Casualties so far reported, are one man killed, and his son badly injured. Home Office experts arrived on the scene today to investigate the cause of the explosion, which are unexplained.—Reuter.

COMMUNISTS ENTER HARBIN

Peiping, April 7.
Pro-Government Chinese press dispatches from Harbin yesterday reported that Chinese Communist troops have entered the edge of that Manchurian City. There was no official confirmation of the report. It is estimated that 3,000 Russian troops remain in Changchun.

From Chungking it was reported that the departure for Manchuria of the Sino-American committee to settle Government-Communist disputes was delayed.

Pro-Government reports said yesterday that China's new 1st army, after breaking the Chinese Communist lines in a two-day battle, has driven within 70 miles of Changchun.

The reports said the American-equipped Chinese Government army of 40,000 men had reached the outskirts of Sze-pingkai, key railway city, which the Communists seized last month after overwhelming the small Government garrison there.

No indication of resistance is expected at Sze-pingkai which the first army must hurdle quickly if it expects to reach Changchun before the scheduled departure of the Russians on April 14.—Associated Press.

MALTA TRIALS

Valetta, Malta, Apr. 7.
Thirty Italians were among an undisclosed number of witnesses brought to Malta to give testimony in the forthcoming trial of alleged Maltese "renegades" charged with committing treasonable acts against Britain, it was learned yesterday. The port of embarkation was not disclosed.—Associated Press.

Readers' Letters

"Be Patient"

Sir.—While one has nothing but sympathy for those still separated from their wives and families it is surely unreasonable for them to start any agitation for return of their loved ones under present conditions.

I have no figures in my possession but the total of wives and children now clamouring to return to Hong Kong must run into the thousands. Where are these people to live? It is difficult enough for us here now to obtain accommodation, owing to unavoidable occupation of civilian residential areas by the Forces and to looted dwellings. Any mass return to the colony at present of wives and families would only result in chaos, with families living in conditions similar to if not worse than those at Stanley internment camp during the occupation.

There is also the problem of feeding. If Government refuses permission to repatriate passing through the colony from Shanghai to land even for a few days, owing to the food shortage, how much more reason have they not to encourage the entry into Hong Kong of several thousand people on the ground that they are alone.

"MOMENTOUS"

Tokyo, Apr. 7.
The Japanese Government today demanded the immediate resignation of 15 Japanese Princes from the House of Peers, including the Japanese Emperor's three brothers.

Baron Kijuro Shidehara, the Japanese Premier, drove to Hayama, 60 miles south of Tokyo, to inform the Emperor of this decision which was described by an official spokesman as "most momentous."—Reuter.

Princes Now Have To Earn A Living

Tokyo, April 6.

Japanese princes are selling their automobiles and economising in other ways to meet the new situation under which the income of the Imperial household department will be curtailed and they will have to pay taxes like other Japanese, according to the newspaper "Asahi."

Moscow "Warns" Chinese

Moscow, April 7.

Moscow radio declared yesterday that Russia could not be indifferent to affairs in China where "sections of Chinese reaction reproduce to a surprising degree the attacks of certain Anglo-American reactionary circles and press against the U.S.S.R."

Quoting an "Izvestia" article on the political situation in China, the broadcast said that developments there "are drawing the attention of the Soviet public" because no one can be indifferent to the destiny of the Chinese people." The broadcaster said that "Chinese reaction never was independent and always relied upon the support of foreign circles."

"One should note," the broadcaster said, "that the campaign against the U.S.S.R. is taking place with the obvious connivance and sympathy of the Chinese authorities."

"Obviously the Chinese reactionaries are pursuing certain hidden aims or are carrying out part of some wider plan," the broadcaster said. "They know perfectly well that their attempts to suppress with their own armed forces the democratic and national movement in China, which is adopted in the broad popular masses, can result only in hopeless internal war."—Associated Press.

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TIDAL WAVE DEATHS

Honolulu, Apr. 7.

The number of known deaths caused by the tidal wave which struck the Hawaiian Islands early this morning totals to 106, with the number more than double since the wave struck.

There are 50 still unaccounted for.

Associated Press.

BATTLE JOINED FOR OIL

Russia Gets Initial Foothold In Iran

**Secret Plan
For U.N.O.
World Army**

New York, Apr. 7.—The Chiefs-of-Staff of the United Nations have been working in secret for the last 12 days on plans for the military enforcement of world peace, should the use of force prove necessary, according to a statement issued by U.N.O. Headquarters here today.

The statement said that the members of the Military Staff Committee which is the military arm of the Security Council, have been working out together "plans for what is the biggest combined operation ever attempted—a coordination of land, sea and air forces to be ready at the disposal of the United Nations to secure world peace."

It described the committee as an "International General Staff" whose task it will be under the authority of the Security Council to prevent and, if necessary, suppress aggression."

The joint secretariat of the Big Five military delegations—Britain, United States, Russia, China, and France—has been formed, the statement said.

Reuter.

Iran Tackles Problem Of Revolt

Teheran, Apr. 7.—Its number one international problem, occupation by Russian troops, apparently settled by peaceful agreement, Iran has begun preparations for a campaign against her internal problem of separatist movement in Azerbaijan and Kurdistan.

"With the withdrawal of Soviet influence," an Iranian general staff officer said, "we hope that problem may also be settled peacefully."

The Prime Minister contends that Azerbaijan, now ruled by a rebel government, can be brought back into the national fold by negotiations.

The general staff officer told the Associated Press that he is absolutely certain that the Kurdish Republic movement and the Azerbaijani government are "closely allied, in fact, grain from the same mill."

"If the departing Russians do not leave too many arms and agents behind," he said, "both movements probably will end by May 6."—Associated Press.

London, Apr. 7.—The restriction on the wearing of military uniforms by Germans will be strictly enforced, with offenders liable to the death sentence under the new Allied Order which comes into effect on April 15.—Reuter.

Protection Of British Holdings

(By John F. Chester)

NEW YORK, APRIL 7.

THE BATTLE FOR IRANIAN OIL IS ON IN EARNEST WITH SOVIET RUSSIA ALL BUT GUARANTEED AN INITIAL FOOTHOLD IN THE BACK DOORWAY TO THE FABULOUSLY RICH MIDDLE EAST PETROLEUM FIELDS, NOW DOMINATED BY BRITISH AND AMERICAN INTERESTS.

IRANIAN PREMIER QUAVAM'S SIGNATURE OF AN AGREEMENT TO PRESENT A SOVIET OIL CONCESSION PLAN TO HIS PARLIAMENT CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS FROM INFORMED OIL QUARTERS THAT SUCH MOVE WAS PROBABLE. IT WAS LEARNED ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY THAT AGENTS FOR ONE AMERICAN COMPANY NOW AT WORK IN IRAN ARE SEEKING A CONCESSION WHICH, IF GRANTED, WOULD BUTTRESS BRITISH HOLDINGS ALONG THE PERSIAN GULF.

Under Iranian law no concessions can be negotiated while foreign troops are still on her soil. Oil men here took it for granted, however, that Quavam would not have signed any agreement unless plans for Soviet concessions were pretty well understood. Similarly there would be nothing to preclude informal conversations by other oil seekers.

The big question in the minds of the interested petroleum men here is how far the south Soviet concessions would run. Russian interest in a Iranian Gulf port has long been an open secret. Such a grant, however, would cross the territory coveted by both British and American concerns.

At least two American companies, Sinclair and Standard Oil of New Jersey, have been actively interested in Iranian concessions in recent years. Presumably their interest has not cooled.

Rich Fields

The British government owns a controlling interest in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company Ltd., which now has the only-operating concession in Iran and most of its richest proven fields. The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company also has a dominating interest in the Iraq Petroleum Company Ltd., which controls all oil production in Iraq. Its interest is intermingled with those of the Royal Dutch Shell and together these groups hold almost 60 per cent. of stock in Iraq petroleum.

This virtually completes the present Middle East line-up with the exception of the rich Saudi-Arabian holdings by the Standard Oil of California and the Texas Company.—Associated Press.

Kremlin Softens Its Policy In Austria

Vienna, April 6.

Soviet Russia, in an abrupt softening of her policy towards Austria, has withdrawn most of her demands for land in the Russian occupation zone and has indicated her desire to reach an agreement on some other disputed issues, a Government spokesman said yesterday.

Instead of the 125,000 acres of farm land which the Rus-

sians claimed and, in part, occupied, the Red Army now is asking only for the 50,000 acre tract of land which the Austrian government has indicated a willingness to loan to the Red Army; it was asserted.

The spokesman said that all former Jewish owned properties, which the Germans seized after the Anschluss and which the Russians had claimed as reparations, are being handed back to the Austrian government.

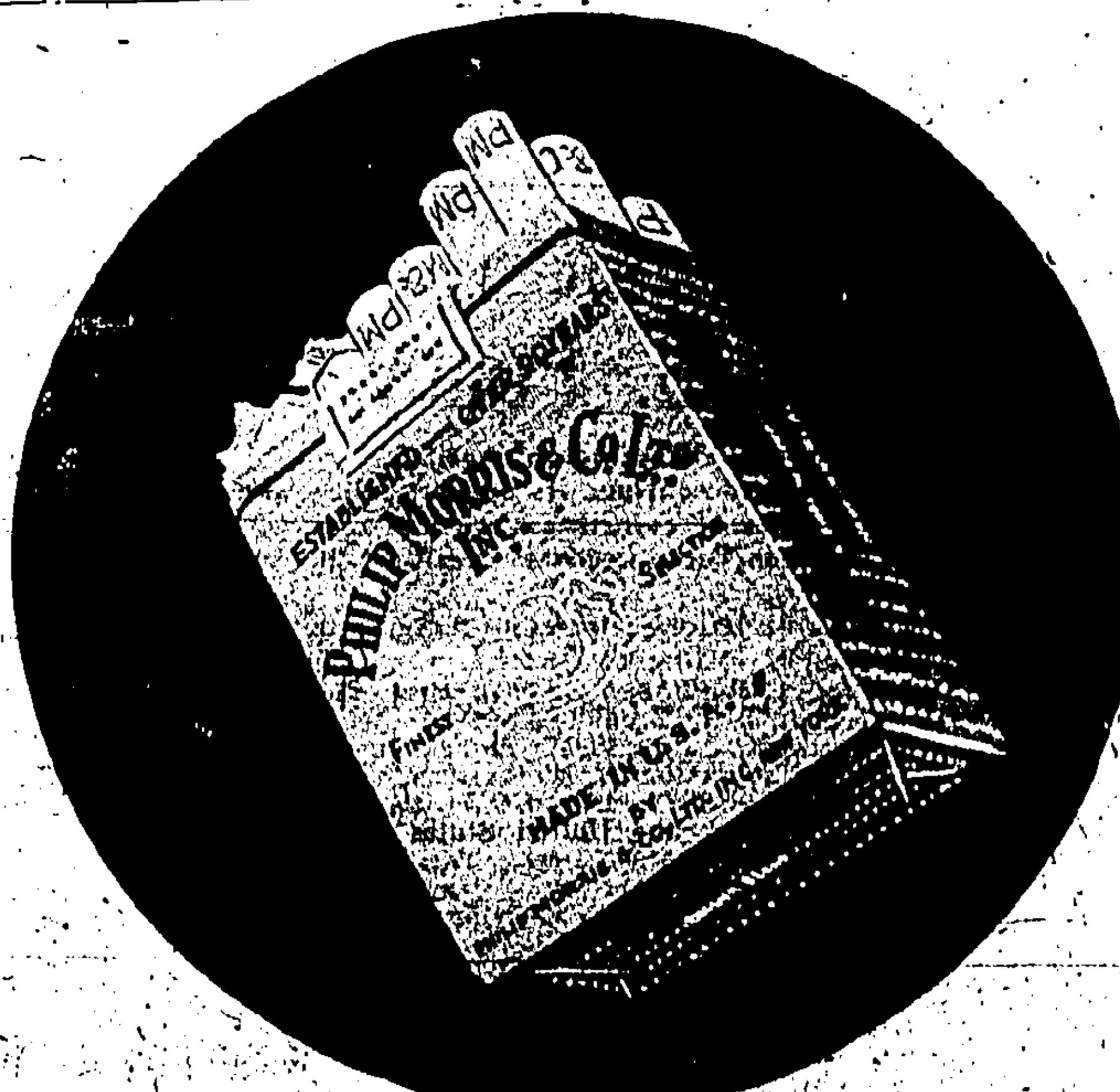
He added that this change in policy apparently was dictated in Moscow since Marshal Ivan S. Koniev, the Russian commander in Austria, had just returned from the Russian capital. The Russians also indicated that they would like to reach an amicable agreement on the question of the 400,000,000 marks advanced to the provisional Austrian government by the Russians when they came into Vienna.

Obstacle Removed

The Russians had been asking repayment of this sum in Austrian shillings, a financial burden which together with the occupation costs would have put a severe strain on the shabby Austrian economy.

The Russians also have indicated their intention of taking over the feeding of the area surrounding Vienna for the next two months. This area has suffered most of all from the food shortage in Austria. The Russian action apparently has removed an obstacle which for a time threatened to upset the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration programme for Austria.

The U.N.R.R.A. council had ruled that U.N.R.R.A. would not operate in countries where all indigenous resources were not being used for the benefit of the country.—Associated Press.



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Monty Sees Regent

London, Apr. 7.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery was received to day by Prince Charles, the Belgian Regent, Brussels Radio reported.

Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, British Ambassador to Belgium, accompanied the Field Marshal.—Reuter.

Mr. Shinwell's Warning To Business

Leeds, Apr. 7.

Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the hard-hitting British Fuel Minister, today gave a plain warning to British business that "if they cannot deliver the goods, the Government will do so."

Mr. Shinwell stated that though there was a good deal of efficiency in private enterprise, there was also great deal of inefficiency, adding: "We do not want to nationalize every industry in the country at any rate not at present, but they had better be warned. The people of his country are in no mood to stand any nonsense from private ownership."

He continued: "Private property must be used for the benefit of the nation. The private owner must have his take-off as long as his take-off is not too expensive, but this attitude on the part of private enterprise that the government must not come in and must leave it to private enterprise is just nonsense and bunkum."

Mr. Shinwell, who was speaking at the annual meeting of the Labour Party's Yorkshire Regional Council, declared: "There should be no department of public activity, whether national or local, in which labour has not got to have a finger in the pie."

"We must be in everything because we are the country."—Reuter.

NOT SURPRISED

Stamford, Conn., Apr. 7.

Mrs. Edward Piers was not "unduly surprised" when informed that her son, Lieut. E. V. Nelson had located a tremendous cache of Japanese gold in Tokyo bay.

She told interviewers: "In his last letter he said he had found 6,000 pounds of sugar buried 40 feet beneath a basement floor. The letter also said sugar was selling for \$10. a pound in the Tokyo black market."—Associated Press.

Getting Rid Of The Nazis

Munich, Apr. 7.

According to the procedure laid down by law, all persons over 18, whether previously voted by the military government or not, will fill in the new questionnaire which has been set up by a Tribunal for the de-Nazification of Bavaria.

The office of the military government for Bavaria estimates that it will be the middle of this month before the law can begin to function actively, although the law was nominally in effect since it was signed on March 6. Its actual functioning has been delayed pending the selection and "screening" of personnel to serve as members of the Decision and Appeal Tribunals.

According to military government officials, some 1,500 persons are needed for these trials. They must be not only non-Nazi, but "positively anti-Nazi, pro-democratic persons who are morally and professionally qualified to enforce the law justly."

It is expected that the operations of the first Tribunal will begin in Upper Bavaria about April 16. As the Tribunals begin to function, they will take over the work of de-Nazification from the military government which will maintain a general supervisory capacity of German operations.

The law provides that all Germans will be divided into one of five categories—"Major offenders, offenders, lesser offenders, followers, and persons exonerated."—Reuter.

Murder Of Allied Prisoners

Dachau, Apr. 7.

A former inmate of the Mathausen Concentration Camp yesterday disclosed from the witness stand how S.S. guards shot to death 36 Dutch, six American and four English prisoners of war in 1944.

The witness was Baron Hans Karl Von Posern, Dresden born lawyer, who spent three years in the concentration camp. He pointed out August Ebel, one of the 61 defendants in the mass-trial trial, as the man who gave the order to shoot the prisoners.

Victims who still lived were kicked and beaten, Von Posern said.

Another defendant pointed out by Von Posern was Grahn, an S.S. guard who, witness said, in June 1944 beat to death Polish, Czech, Yugoslav and Russian women. Von Posern estimated that Grahn killed 700 people.—Associated Press.

U.N.O. ECONOMIC CHIEF

New York, Apr. 5.

Mr. Arthur Owen of Great Britain was appointed today assistant secretary general of the United Nations in charge of economic affairs. The 60-year-old Briton is the last of the assistants named by Secretary General Trygve Lie.

The United Nations also revealed that all of the five major powers and nine smaller nations have made substantial advances to the organization's working capital funds. France, the last major power to make payment, transferred \$1,400,000. China made a further payment of \$600,000 for a total of \$800,000 toward her full advance of \$1,600,000.—Associated Press.

RAILROAD INCOMES

Washington, Apr. 7.

The Association of American railroads estimated that the nation's class one railroads had a net income, after deduction of interest and rentals, of \$26,000,000 in February, compared with \$27,000,000 in February 1946.

In the first two months of 1946, carriers had an estimated net income after deduction of interest and rentals of \$60,000,000 as compared with \$76,424,000 in the same period last year. The association said that the net railway operating income for February totalled \$27,316,000 before interest and rentals were deducted, as compared with \$27,683,000 for February of last year.—Associated Press.

Sao Paulo, Apr. 7.

The Brazilian coffee crop is expected to be the largest for the past 18 years. The state of São Paulo alone will produce 7,500,000 bags containing 12½ lbs. per bag. Large quantities are expected to be shipped to Russia.—Reuter.

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Atom Bomb Revolutionises Strategy

U.S. Forces To Combine?

Washington, Apr. 6. President Truman has just received a detailed legislative plan for the unifying of the Army, Navy and Air Forces into one department of common defence.

Informed Senate sources say that the plan retains the original idea of the merger of the present Navy and War Departments with the Army Air Forces raised to equal status with the Army and Navy.

President Truman asked for an armed forces merger late last year. Navy officials stated that they were opposed to the merger. The Army, meanwhile abolished its historic cavalry as a separate arm and merged what is left with the armoured forces.

The action virtually eliminated horses from the army, but pack animals will be retained and a small detachment of mounted troops will be maintained to give instruction and to train minor units for operations in rough terrain. Associated Press.

Soviets Are Moving Out

Teheran, Apr. 6. Heavy Russian artillery, tanks and armoured vehicles today moved northward across the Russo-Iranian frontier at Astara and a foreign military observer said, "They definitely are moving out."

The observer said, "The Russians obviously are keeping their agreement. This is not a dress rehearsal."

In Teheran there was general rejoicing and an atmosphere of relief. Russian Embassy representatives, who have avoided contacts with foreign newsmen for several months, dined last night in a hotel where the journalists have established a "press centre." — Associated Press.

Secret Bombing Experiments

London, Apr. 6. The Air Ministry said today that three American Superforts and seven Flying Forts have arrived in Britain to take part in "certain experiments."

An Air Ministry spokesman said that American experiments would be co-ordinated with test raids by R.A.F. Lancasters which were already in progress.

Targets for the experiments will be U-boat pens at Farge and on Heligoland Island, off the coast of Germany.

American sources said that the project was "on the secret list" and no details would be given out pending approval from Washington.

The R.A.F. plans to use its 22,000-pound earthquake bombs, the biggest developed by Britain during the war. Rocket-assisted bombs of 4,600 pounds are also expected to be used. — Associated Press.

MOSCOW SMASHES CRIME WAVE

Moscow, Apr. 7. Moscow police and military with the aid of flying squads have gone far towards smashing armed gangs which had been taking part in a post-war crime wave in Moscow.

Several gangsters who had committed robberies with violence were found guilty of murder and condemned to be shot. Others have received severe prison sentences. The number of crimes has now decreased and military patrols of Moscow's streets have been reduced. — Associated Press.

Oslo, Apr. 7.

Norway will shortly expand her iron ore industry with a view to capturing export markets previously served by the Germans. The government has issued a decree committing itself to the construction of a new iron-ore refinery at Mo i Rana.

Experts Forecast Armies' Role

(By Clark Beach)

WASHINGTON, APRIL 7. SOME PROMINENT PERSONS CONTEND THAT ARMED FORCES SUCH AS ARMIES AND NAVIES WE KNEW IN WORLD WAR II ARE OBSOLETE. THE NAVY'S ROLE, THEY SAY, WILL BE SECONDARY AT BEST IF A FUTURE STRIFE SHOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A DUEL WITH ATOMIC MISSILES STREAKING THROUGH THE STRATOSPHERE FROM CONTINENT TO CONTINENT.

"The development of the atomic bomb constitutes a revolution in military science more sweeping than invention of gunpowder," says Brig.-Gen. H. C. Holdridge, retired former commandant of the Adjutant-General's school of the War Department.

"There will probably never be battlefields in the old sense. If we are attacked we may never know who hit us. The attack will come suddenly, probably by sabotage. Like the victim of a free-for-all brawl we will sit amid our ruins."

"Our only defense would be retaliation in kind and immediately and if we cannot discover who the attacker was we will be utterly helpless. Mass armies trained by the proposed programme (universal military training) would be completely by-passed as the Japanese armies were in China."

Dr Robert Hutchins, Chancellor of the University of Chicago, told a Congressional Committee:

Might Not Be Used

"The Generals and Admirals prove there is no defense against the atomic bomb and they ask for an enormous army to defend against it."

The reply of an army and navy spokesman is that in any future war, armies and navies and not the atomic bomb may decide the issue.

For one thing, they say that atomic bombs may never be used — if each side is about equally well supplied with them. If we were attacked with atomic bombs it had been frequently asserted the enemy would still have to invade us to assure victory. The navy would be essential to meet amphibious forces and the army would be needed to defeat the invading troops.

In the same way our ability to invade an attacking enemy would depend on the power of our army, navy and air forces. Long after the supply of atomic bombs are exhausted on both sides, the struggle might be carried on between ground air and sea forces.

Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations, said a short time ago: "With the potentials of atomic energy not yet fully known, it is only common everyday horse sense for us to retain the known and proved naval advantage we so laboriously constructed until a better substitute has been demonstrated."

Utmost Gloom

General George C. Marshall, former Army Chief-of-Staff, said the War Department is not holding stubbornly to the principle of a mass army. He said that during the past war fewer than a million and a half of 14,000,000 men mobilized were army or marine infantry troops.

"The remainder of our armed forces, sea, air and ground, was largely fighting a war of machines."

Lt.-Gen. Ira Bakar, speaking for the army air forces, told Congressional Committee that at the present stage an air force is indispensable—but "I personally believe if war is delayed another ten to 25 years aeroplanes may be replaced by guided missiles."

None of the nation's responsible military leaders, it should be noted, contemplate the possibility of a future war with anything but the utmost gloom. They well understand that in the atomic age, the lag of the conqueror may well prove over nothing but ruins. — Associated Press.

Atom Control

Washington, Apr. 7. Permanent control of my domestic machinery governing future atomic energy developments is being planned by Congress. A special Senate committee will depend primarily on what

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BRIDGE NOTES

South maintained he was the victim of circumstances, but Bridge scuttled may decide otherwise.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

S. 6 5 4

H. 7 7 2

D. K. 5

G. 8 5 4

S. 10 9

H. 9 10 6

D. 7 3 2

G. 6

N. 8

E. 9 5

D. Q. 10

S. C. K. Q. 7

Bidding
West North East
SNT Pass SNT Pass
Pass Pass Pass Pass

West led the Jack of Spades, South winning right after the clubs, laying down the Ace and then a low club. East won, and began his diamonds, continuing that suit each time he got in with clubs. South was therefore unable to make his game all game contract in no-trump.

Now we've already admitted that South committed a bridge crime, but just what was his transgression? See if you can spot it before it's too late.

South's crime consisted in laying down the club Ace at the second trick! No play could be wrong if the missing clubs were split 3-2, and no play could be right if "est had four or more of the clubs including all the honours.

But South could, and should have provided against the actual bad break by leading a low club at the second trick. East would win and lead a diamond, and South would take the diamond suit and lead the club nine that would force out a second honour and reveal the bad break.

The next diamond trick could be won with dummy's King, and a club finesse could then be taken to bring in the rest of the suit and a total of ten tricks!

Yesterday you were Howard Schenkken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. K. 7 3

D. K. 9 5 2

C. A. K. 6

The bidding:
Jacoby You Major Schenkken
Pass 1D. Pass 1S.
Pass (2) Pass (2)

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. Partner's bid (one spade promises very little, so you still need some help from him in determining whether there is a game and what the contract should be. If partner cannot respond to two no-trump, there is no game.

Score 100 per cent for two no-trump, 60 per cent for three no-trump, 20 per cent for three spades.

QUESTION

To day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

Jacoby You Major Schenkken
Pass 1D. Pass 1S.

Pass 1NT Pass 1S.

Pass (2) Pass (2)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

Correctness But No Cordiality U.S. Policy

Washington, April 6. The United States is expected to continue its present policy toward Argentina, a policy of correctness without cordiality, when Colonel Juan Peron becomes President, it was reported yesterday.

Peron clinched the hotly contested election after more than a month of vote counting in Buenos Aires.

Anticipating such an outcome, Secretary of State James Byrnes was quick to hint recently that the United States will maintain its stand on the "Blue Book."

In cooperation with Britain, the United States will continue to deny Argentina military goods until it is satisfied how such equipment would be used.

The U.S. will be continuing consultations with other American republics on the Argentine situation. — Associated Press.

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SPORTS SECTION

Home Soccer Played In Summer Weather

LONDON, APRIL 6.—
LARGE CROWDS WITNESSED TODAY'S FOOTBALL
GAMES IN SUMMER WEATHER.

BOTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP FINALISTS SUFFERED DEFEAT—CHARLTON BEING VANQUISHED AT HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON. DERBY COUNTY, WHO WERE WITHOUT SEVEN OF THEIR PROBABLE CUP FINAL TEAM, OWING TO INJURIES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRIAL MATCH AT WEMBLEY WENT DOWN AT VILLA PARK BEFORE 50,000 SPECTATORS.

In London, Millwall put on two goals without reply in the second half to snatch both points at Charlton. Arthur Turner and Chris Duffy got Charlton's two in the first half, Brown netting twice and Anderson once for the winners. The all important goal came three minutes from time when Brown sent in a great shot to dim Charlton's prospects of carrying off the Cup and leaving double.

At Villa Park, the home half-backs dominated the game and Derby's international forwards, Doherty and Carter, for once in a while found themselves well held. Broome opened the scoring in the first half and Edwards added a second, and there was no surprise when Broome increased the lead after ten minutes in the second half with Derby's defence shaky.

The Villa completely dominated the later stages of the game and Dixon headed the fourth goal, five minutes from the end. Derby's goal was a miskick by the Villa captain and back, Cummings.

With Birmingham going down by the only goal scored to Notts Forest, the Villa now take over the leadership of the League South, having a point more than Birmingham and two more than Charlton, who however both have three games in hand.

Birmingham's finishing was weak and the home side just deserved their narrow win. The star of the match was the last minute choice as centre-forward Paul who was a constant worry to the experienced visitors' centre-half Turner. He kept his line moving in splendid fashion.

Wolverhampton did well to share honours with West Ham in a fast rousing game in which goals came at regular intervals. The Wolves were without four of their regular players.

At Wembley, the Army Physical Training players were too good for the Football Association side in the international match, witnessed by some 35,000 people. The Army gained a 3-1 lead at half-time and still had two goals to spare when the final whistle went.

Lawton led the Army line in a grand manner and was ably supported by left-wing Compton or the Arsenal and Pagan of Sheffield United.

After the match all three forwards were picked for England against Scotland at Hampden Park in the full international next Saturday.

For the winners, Welsh netted twice, Lawton, Wardle and Compton adding to the score, which Shackleton, Stubbing and Elliott.

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Rugby League

Bramley 2 Castleford, 7. Bradford Rangers 7. Wigton 20. Dewsbury 0. Huddersfield 11. Hull Kingston Rovers 18. Featherstone Rovers 8. Keighley 7. Bradford Northern 15. Leeds 20. Swinton 3. Liverpool Stanley 7. Widnes 5. Rochdale Hornets 10. Barrow 11. Salford 18. Halifax 3. Wakefield Trinity 18. Batley 3. Warrington 25. Hull 0. Workington Town 8. Hunslet 0. York 28. St Helens 14. —Reuter.

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Close Fight For Soccer Title

As the result of Royal Air Force's win over Eastern on Saturday and 44 R. M. Commandos' easy victory over Navy "A" yesterday, the fight for the Football championship has now reached a very interesting stage.

The teams interested in the title are Royal Air Force, 44 R. M. Commandos and Navy "B" and as goal averages count this season the encounter between R. Navy "B" and Commandos will be awaited with great interest by members of all the three services.

Navy Trounced

44 R. M. Commandos had a fairly easy time of it at King's Park yesterday in their Rehabilitation Football League fixture against Navy "A," winning by five goals to nil against a depleted Navy side that fielded four reserves.

Navy put up a plucky show

but did not at any stage have much of the play. The Commandos scored through Davis some 10 minutes from the kick-off and a few minutes later Jack netted from a long shot. The half-time score was 2-0.

Commandos kept raiding the

Navy goal all through the second half and would have scored more were it not for off-sides. Earsman netted the third goal. Sho. Hy afterwards MacNamara

came in a fourth and the fifth and last goal, scored in the last two minutes of the game, was deflected into the goal off a Navy defender on a centre from Wil-

iams.

League Three

League Three, South, North Region Cup.—Mansfield 2, Port 1; Northampton 0; Clapton 2; Queen's Park Rangers 3; Notts County 1; Walsall 4; Norwich 2; Watford 0; Ipswich 1.

League Two, North: Cup—Second Round.—Carlisle 1; Gateshead 2; Chester 4; York 0; Doncaster 0; Rotherham 0; Hartlepool 1; Southampton 2.

League Three, North, Second

Championship.—Brentford 2; Wrexham 1; Halifax 3; Oldham 0; Rochdale 2; Lincoln 3; Accrington 2; Darlington 2; Tranmere 3; Stockport 0.

League Three, South, North and South Region Cup.—Brighton 2; Southend 0.

League Three, South, South Region Cup.—Aldershot 1; Torquay 1; Bournemouth 1; Exeter 1; Bristol Rovers 0; Swindon 0; Palace 1; Bristol City 2; Kensingt 3; Cardiff 2.

Scottish Results

Scottish Cup, First Round.—

Aberdeen 2, Ayre 0; Clyde 0; Altrincham 1; Hearts 3; East Fife 0;

Rangers 3; Dundee 1.

Scottish Cup.—Dunfermline 0; Cowdenbeath 5. Other matches St. Johnstone 2; Queen's Park 0.

Scottish Pennant Cup.—Alloa 1; Stirling 0; Raith 0; Stenhousemuir 1.

Scottish League, Division "A":—

Kilmarnock 3; Falkirk 2.

Irish Regional League.—Clifton 4; Derry 1; Distillery 1; Belfast Celtic 3; Linfield 6; Glentoran 0.

International Trial Match played at Wembley—Football Association

3, Army Physical Training Corps 6.—Reuter.

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Kwong Wah beat Civilians'

"A" by 4-2 in the Football

League at Causeway Bay yester-

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Indian Talks Taking Satisfactory Course

New Delhi, April 7.

General hopes of a satisfactory settlement of the Indian constitutional question were expressed here today, after talks in which the British Cabinet Mission heard the views of all the main groups concerned — Congress, Moslem League, Sikhs, Scheduled Castes (Untouchables) and Indian States.

Though not discounting the force of extremist opinion, some quarters in close touch with events believed that short of agreeing to an actual division of the country, Congress would go a long way towards meeting Moslem aspirations.

Jap. Secret Hoard Found?

Tokyo, April 7. A nation-wide search for a number of Japanese Army officers who are believed to have dumped precious metal valued at about £500,000 into Tokyo Bay was started today by the Allied Military Government.

Civilian and U.S. Army salvage experts have recovered one platinum ingot valued at about £12,600 from under eight feet of water, under a pier in the harbour. It is believed that the ingots were buried shortly before the Japanese surrendered and were to finance "the re-erecture of Japan" at some future date.

Information given by a Japanese diving girl led to the recovery of the metal. The first loads of gold, silver and platinum are supposed to have been hidden. She said that last July labourers, under the supervision of Japanese Army officers, dumped the precious metal in the Bay, and she believed that the ingots had previously been painted a dull grey to resemble old iron.

One suspicious workman scratched the paint on one of the ingots and found it was gold. Learning that the plot had been discovered, the Army officers told the men that the fortune was to be used, "for the future of Japan," warning them against disclosing the secret.

The men were then sent to other jobs, the man who made the discovery leaving Tokyo to pay a visit to relatives in an out-lying district. On his return to the city he was unable to find his former colleagues. Believing them to have been killed, he went into hiding.

The dancing girl later heard the story and gave the information to the United States Army. Allied officials, while treating the story with reserve, despite the recovery of one platinum ingot, plan to continue the salvage work.—Reuter.

Albania Professes Friendship

London, April 7. The Albanian radio today described the British reasons for not opening diplomatic relations with Albania, as "based on inaccurate information in London about the situation in Albania." It was learned in London last week that no British diplomatic representative would go to Tirana, Albania, and no Albanian minister would be received in London because Albania had failed to give satisfactory assurances about diplomatic privileges.

The British statement added that Albania had placed difficulties in the way of Britain's military mission there and the British War Graves Commission.

Breaking into a Russian transmission tonight, Tirana radio broadcast the following statement in French: "Allegations about difficulties placed in the way of the Mission are inaccurate. Albania has always taken good care of the War Graves. Albania is ready to show her goodwill and resume negotiations with the Mission. It would be glad to receive the British Minister as a representative of a great friendly country and guarantee full diplomatic immunity to him and his staff."—Reuter.

Moscow, April 7. Foreign diplomatic circles here report that with the withdrawal of Red Army forces from Iran, Manchuria and Bornholm, demobilisation is being speeded up to release more manpower for the tasks of the fourth Soviet five-year plan.—Reuter.

"A Cruel Measure" Keitel Wincs Under Cold Cross-Examination Made No Protests To Hitler

NUERNBERG, APRIL 7. HIS MILITARY BEARING SHAKEN, FIELD-MARSHAL WILHELM KEITEL, FORMER CHIEF OF THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND, WALKED WEARILY FROM THE WITNESS BOX AT THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL TODAY AFTER VISIBLY WINCING UNDER THE COLD PENETRATING CROSS-EXAMINATION OF SIR DAVID MAXWELL FYFE OF THE BRITISH PROSECUTING TEAM.

AT ONE POINT IN HIS EXAMINATION SIR DAVID READ A TELEGRAM FROM GENERAL CHRISTIANSEN, FORMER GERMAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN HOLLAND, ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO ALLOW GERMAN SOLDIERS TO SHOOT WITHOUT TRIAL DUTCH RAILWAYMEN WHO REFUSED TO WORK.

"You will agree," asked Sir David, "that the shooting of railwaymen, who would not work for the occupation forces, is about as brutal and cruel as could be imagined by the mind of man?"

Keitel replied: "Yes, that is a cruel measure."

Sir David told how after a two-man submarine attack by the British Navy against the Nazi battleship Tirpitz in Norwegian waters in September a young British sailor was arrested and shot while his companion escaped across the Swedish border.

"What in the name of all military tradition had the boy done wrong?" he asked.

Keitel admitted that the attack was legal.

Their British Overseas Airways flying boat is due at Singapore next Friday.—Associated Press.

Work Finished

Govind Ballabh, United Provinces Premier, said that the discussion covered the whole field of Indian independence. Pakistan and an interim government.

Acknowledging the Premiers would meet the Mission again, he remarked: "We have finished our work."—Reuter.

Informal Talk

London, April 7. Sardar Valabhai Patel, Congress "strong man" and leading member of the Congress Working Committee had an hour's informal talk today with Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India and leader of the British Cabinet Mission. New Delhi radio stated today.

Afterwards Sardar Patel reported on his talk to Mohandas Gandhi.—Reuter.

Worldwide War On Crime

London, April 7. An international scheme in war against crime is announced by the "Justice of the Peace and Local Government Review." The scheme, which is already in its initial stages, provides for the cooperation of 25 nations to prevent the escape of dangerous criminals from one country to another.

It is suggested that an international police bureau be set up as a clearing house for crime with a register of known criminals including descriptions and finger prints.

An interchange of police officers between countries to ensure the maximum cooperation is also envisaged, while it is considered that photo-telegraphy and radio would enable pictures and finger prints of fugitives to be circulated throughout the world in a matter of minutes.—Reuter.

WINDING UP LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Genoa, April 7. Delegates of 40 nations will meet in Genoa on Monday to wind up the League of Nations which came into being on January 10, 1920.

A commission of the League's successor—the United Nations Organisation—is now in Switzerland discussing the transfer of the League buildings and assets to the U.N.O.

One suggested possibility is that the buildings may become a European branch office of the U.N.O., bearing an important part of the economic and social part of the organisation and other sections at the International Labour Office.—Reuter.

NEW GREEK GOVT. AND BRITISH FORCES

Athens, April 7. The Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Constantine Tsaldaris, questioned about the new Greek Government's attitude to British forces in Greece, said today:

"The small number of British troops in Greece have contributed and will contribute by their presence to Greece's return to normal constitutional life which is now being brought about."

Tsaldaris, one of the leaders of the Populist Party, referring to E.A.M. and the Communist Party which boycotted the election, said: "The Government has never contemplated any measures against any political parties as long as they conduct their activities with absolute freedom within the limits of the law."

He added: "Every facility will be afforded to newspapers of every political shade for unrestrained dissemination of news."

Official circles today refused to confirm that Tsaldaris was intending to leave for London. He indicated that such a visit would only be natural for him during the conference.

U.S.A. Could Conserve A Lot Of Rice

Washington, April 7.

In a statement issued from the UNRRA Headquarters today, the new Director-General, Fiorello LaGuardia, said that the United States could conserve a great deal of rice. "There are so many other substitutes for rice in our country," he added.

"We should ship 700,000 tons of wheat a month to liberated countries," said LaGuardia. "Last month we shipped 347,000 tons."

Soviet "Secret Zone" Activity

London, April 7.

The Russians are fortifying the islands north of Japan, according to today's "News of the World" cable from its special correspondent, Noyes Thomas, who has just visited the secret zone.

In a cable from Sapporo in the island of Hokkaido, Thomas says: "Russian soldiers are on manoeuvres in the Kurile Islands. War material of all kinds is being poured in by the Soviets. Huge airfields are being built. Japanese are being made to work on the installation of batteries of giant coastal guns which points towards this American centre."

While telling the nation "It's either wheat in April or coffins in June," LaGuardia did not follow his predecessor, Herbert Lehman, in advocating the return to rationing in the United States.

Drastic Action

Starving people must have bread. Otherwise some drastic action will have to be taken," he added.

After saying that he has received the full cooperation of United States Government departments and that he was securing the Combined Food Board early next week, he concluded: "Either U.N.R.R.A. is going to get down to its job or else the world will face starvation."

"It is no fault of U.N.R.R.A. if it just cannot get food. This means that the shortage will be reflected in April, May and June all over the world."

"Italy, Poland, Greece and Yugoslavia are in the most critical situation."

"I have not the heart to sign the message which is on my desk, which will require further reduction of rations. Further reductions of rations now mean that relief would have to be continued for another year."

"People on any further reduced rations will be unable to work in fields or in mines or even in industry."

Can't Eat Figures

"It is easy for us here in the United States to figure shortage in percentages but you cannot keep people who are hungry alive by giving them statistics."

He said that the U.N.R.R.A. staff was working frantically to procure the necessary minimum supplies.

"Unless we want people to be in a continued state of starvation, we must get fertilisers to many of these countries so that they can get into production for the next year."

He declared that the food situation had now reached the "very bottom and will not permit of any delay or any reason for not providing food."—Reuter.

Transport Obstacles

The obstacles to food supplies for Europe were said to be transport and financial difficulties. Swedish Minister of Supply said that 75,000 barrels of fish and herrings were available in Sweden for export. He pointed out that Sweden has sent lorries with supplies of food to various parts of the Continent and he thought that Sweden could also help in the transporting of fish.

The Norwegian Minister said that Norway, too, had large supplies of fish available.

The conference concluded by adopting a brief resolution submitted by the Polish delegate urging that the Emergency Economic Committee should work out immediately the appropriate measures and procedure to meet the case of actual starvation in Europe.

The Polish delegate pointed out that Poland had already taken every step recommended by the conference to avert famine and that there would be no grain in the country after the beginning of May unless actual starvation arrived.

At the closing of the session, the Chairman, Mr. Noel-Baker, said that the work of the conference was no less important than the immediate and long-term prospects of peace than what the Security Council had done in America.

The conference had formulated a concrete programme of precise action which Europe could take to help itself. It took a long time to break in-stinctive habits and it was extremely valuable that they should have brought home to public opinion the avoidable waste, which was very great. The loss from rats alone in Britain's foodstuff amounted to \$50,000,000 yearly, he added.

TO MEET ATTLEE

London, April 7.

The Netherlands Prime Minister, Professor Schermerhorn, is to meet the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, in London on April 12 for further exchanges of views on the subject of the Netherlands East Indies. It is officially announced.—Reuter.

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